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Dear Ms. Hanley:

As I am sure you recall, on April 10, 2006, the Governor wrote to the Chairman of the Governor's Commission for the Diversification of Southeastern Connecticut with a response to the Commission's March 31, 2006 Interim Report. In that report the Governor committed to resources and assistance for holding a "lessons learned" conference related to the state's BRAC experience this past summer.

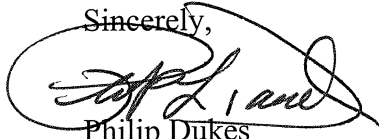
As part of the Governor's acceptance of this recommendation, she has appointed Congressman Rob Simmons, Commissioner Abromaitis of the Department of Economic and Community Development and John Markowicz to be the Co-Chairmen of the event. It is important to the Governor that planning for this event begin as soon as possible. Your office, as a member of the Commission, has graciously offered to convene the parties and to assist them in planning the conference.

While we understand that the legislative session makes action in the next few days difficult, we would appreciate if in the first few weeks after the end of the legislative session you could convene the Co-Chairmen or their designees to begin the planning for the conference. As you and I have discussed, Walt Plosila from Battelle has agreed to provide the facilitating and report writing services to the conference. It would be important that he be present at the first meeting to get feedback from the co-chairs regarding what the parameters of the event will be and what format the conference will be in.

Thank you very much for your prompt attention to this matter. Kindly keep me up to

date on your progress and feel free to contact me if there is anything our office can do to facilitate this event and make it a success.

Sincerely,



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